

## Hearing Documents

Rep. James Lankford, Chairman

Opening Statement

This is the first meeting of the Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations

Since the founding of our Nation, the federal government has had to balance its own authority with that of the States

In the modern regulatory environment, the probability that the federal government will overstep its clearly defined

Many state and local governments face severe budgetary shortfalls that threaten their ability to perform their

The preferences of a regulatory agency should not determine the budget or priorities of a local or state government.

When the Government enacts a statute or issues a regulation mandating that a state or local government

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 – or UMRA – was originally enacted to minimize the burden

This hearing today seeks to determine the effectiveness of UMRA. It is intended to focus on Title II of UMRA

While the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act has a great name, it has limited reach because of its inapplicability

Today's hearing focuses on local governments. I intend, in a future hearing, to bring in tribal and private

While we will hear today from the Mayor of Edmond, Oklahoma, I want to myself relate just a couple of a

The city of Bethany, Oklahoma spent over a quarter million dollars in 1987 to put in two water wells, only

What I want to know is whether the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act is of any consequence in terms of li

Many observers, such as the Government Accountability Office, have commented on the numerous fact

The good news is that knowledgeable parties have also identified potential improvements to UMRA. We

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